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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM RESEARCH REACTOR SECURITY

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1. DG EKLUND AND INSPECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH INFORMED
SUBSTANCE REFTEL PM MARCH 25. BOTH AGREED WITH PRUDENCY
OF PLANNED ACTION AND APPRECIATED SENSITIVITY OF
INFORMATION.

2. ROMETSCH ADVISED THAT, IN ADDITION TO FUEL OWNED
BY US, IAEA RECORDS SHOW SMALL AMOUNT OF FUEL (CONTAINING
382 GRAMS TOTAL U, 20 PERCENT U-231, VALUED ORIGINALLY
AT \$860) PROVIDED AS GIFT TO GVN BY USG THROUGH IAEA
FROM 1967 US GIFT OF SNM AND WAS THUS SUBJECT TO
GVN/IAEA PROJECT AGREEMENT (INFCIR/106). EKLUND AND
ROMETSCH SUGGESTED THAT THIS FUEL BE REMOVED ALONG WITH
US-OWNED FUEL (CONTAINING 12.146 KILOGRAMS TOTAL U,
20 PER CENT U-235, ACCORDING TO AGENCY'S RECORDS).
WHILE THEY WERE UNCERTAIN OF FORMALITIES WHICH SHOULD BE
OBSERVED FOR SUCH TRANSACTION EVEN UNDER ORDINARY
CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WERE PREPARED TO HAVE USG SERVE AS
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"CARETAKER" OF GVN-OWNED AGENCY PROJECT MATERIAL UNTIL

ANY NECESSARY PAPERWORK SORTED OUT.

3. MISSION RECOMMENDS SUBJECT OF 382 GRAMS OF GVN-OWNED FUEL NOT RPT NOT BE RAISED WITH GVN AND THAT ALL FUEL SIMPLY BE REMOVED. IF GVN RAISES QUESTION OF DISTINCTION (WHICH IS POSSIBILITY, SINCE 382 GRAMS LISTED SEPARATELY IN SAFEGUARDS RECORDS) SUGGEST REFERENCE BE MADE TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW FUEL MENTIONED PARA 3 REFTTEL A TO COVER ALL MATERIAL REMOVED.

4. ROMETSCH NOTED THAT IAEA HAD RIGHT UNDER SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO SEND INSPECTOR PRIOR TO TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO USG OF ANY OF FUEL TO VERIFY QUANTITY ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED. HE DOUBTED NEED FOR EXPENSE OF SENDING INSPECTOR FROM VIENNA FOR SUCH PURPOSE, BUT ASKED EKLUND IF IT WAS WORTHWHILE TO CHECK ON PLANNED TRAVEL OF INSPECTORS TO OR FROM E.G., JAPAN, TO SEE IF ONE WERE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. EKLUND FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO DO SO (WHICH HE FELT WOULD ENTAIL RISK TO INSPECTOR) IF USG WILLING TO HAVE IAEA INSPECTOR VERIFY MATERIAL AFTER ARRIVAL IN US IF AGENCY WANTED TO SO DO. HE FELT SUCH VERIFICATION MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT AGENCY ADHERES TO ITS SAFEGUARDS PRINCIPLES, EVEN IN SUCH SITUATION. I RESPONDED THAT I WOULD EXPECT USG WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO SUCH REQUEST AND QUESTION OF INSPECTOR TO GO TO VIET-NAM WAS THEN DROPPED.

5. ROMETSCH NOW ANTICIPATES THAT RESPONSE TO HIS CABLE TO GVN, MENTIONED PARA 3 REF B, WILL BE NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED TRANSFER TO USG MENTIONED PARA 2 REF B. PORTER

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